



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 739  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

**10:30 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0484)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Michelle Vega, Genie Chough and Emily Williams

Absent:            James A. Blunt, Vice Chair Dorinne Jordan,  
Member Kieu-Anh King, Member Carl Gallucci, and  
Member Lori Glasgow

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order. (16-0490)

**The meeting was called to order by Emily Williams at 10:40 a.m.**

2. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December 2, 2015. (16-0491)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.**

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3. Department Success Stories. (16-0492)

**Lisa Campbell-Motton reported about a Probation Foster youth at a Foster Home who committed to his therapy, and successfully completed several programs. After much collaborations and hard work, the presiding Judge on this case made some amendments to the conditions and allowed the Probation Foster youth to reach re-integration therapy. The family is showing full support of the youth and they recently celebrated his 18th Birthday.**

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**II. OLD BUSINESS**

4. Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services - A Department of Mental Health and Department of Children and Family Services Provider - Contract Compliance Review (10/07/15) (Continued from the meeting of 12/2/15). (15-5030)

**Elaine Boyd, Auditor-Controller (A-C), reported that a revised cost report was submitted. Ms. Boyd indicated that the only pending issue is the review by the A-C regarding the methodology used for re-allocations; current allocations are appropriate.**

**On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.**

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**III. REPORTS**

5. Alpha Treatment Centers Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (11/19/15). (15-5843)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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6. Hamburger Home d.b.a. Aviva Family and Children Services Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (11/19/15). (15-5844)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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7. South Bay Bright Future Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (11/23/15). (15-5845)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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8. Project Six Group Home d.b.a. The Help Group Quality Assurance Review (11/24/15). (15-5846)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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9.     Renaissance Unlimited Fiscal Compliance Assessment (11/24/15). (15-5847)

**Genie Chough, Third District, posed questions regarding the overall financial situation of this agency.**

**Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services, reported that the loan is a result of this agency transitioning into other programs, a new corporate management assumed a loss and acquired a big debt in the take over process. Ms. Flaggs indicated that current ongoing visits to this agency show they are consistent in providing good services, there are financial improvements, instructions on appropriate check writing and process will be conducted. The loan related to unallowable expenses to pay for a Certified Public Accountant, has been repaid.**

**Emily Williams, Second District, posed questions regarding this agency's significant reduction in funding.**

**Ms. Flaggs reported that currently there is an eight bed occupancy, and although this program is designed for 10-15 bed occupancy, there was no actual funding reduction; contract providers are not guaranteed to fill their beds. Currently this agency only provides transitional housing program plus services.**

**On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.**

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10.    The Village Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review, Fiscal Year 2014-15 (11/24/15). (15-5917)

**This item was discussed with Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 51.**

**Genie Chough, Third District, posed questions regarding the low safety scores for these agencies, related issues, and the apparent subjective score. Ms. Chough also expressed concerns regarding the significance of these scores and whether consequences are in effect.**

**Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), indicated that although the scoring is subjective, these reports were based on the agency's response to isolated incidents, such as**

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processing of Safety Incident Reports (SIR) and the later reported findings on the Quality Assurance Report (QAR) as well as Compliance Reviews. Ms. Richardson went on to report that the sequence for release of the newly added reports will be streamlined to better show timely resolve and progress regarding violations and/or related issues.

In response to Michelle Vega, Fifth District, about the sequence of events regarding isolated incidents, the length of time needed to release a QAR, and how this affects the scoring process, Ms. Richardson, DCFS, reported that a number 6 score is the highest score available in the safety category, however, isolated incidents such as one individual youth causing fights factors into whether the child's needs are met. Additionally, Ms. Richardson explained that the indicators were not current but show updated improvement, and the current report reflects backdated activity due to the original pilot program.

Emily Williams, Second District, posed questions regarding whether Probation children are placed, and if the child that experienced Lysol Spray on the face received medical attention. Ms. Richardson noted that both Probation and DCFS children are accepted, and will email the details regarding the Lysol Spray incident which lowered the safety score.

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, Agenda Item Nos. 10, 12, and 51, were received and filed.

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11. Families For Children Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (11/25/15). (15-5848)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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12. Fields Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc. Group Home Quality Assurance Review (11/30/15). (15-5849)

This item was discussed with Agenda Item Nos. 10 and 51.

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this Item was received and filed.

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13. You Are The Difference Foundation (Loving Life) Group Home Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/3/15). (15-5873)

**Emily Williams, Second District, posed questions regarding Probation Foster Youth, made reference to Page 5 of the Monitoring Compliance Review Report and inquired why less than half of the recommendations were implemented and whether any consequences exist.**

**Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation, explained that youth can be Probation or the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS); this agency has demonstrated an ongoing pattern regarding recommendations and they are working with DCFS on progressive action. Ms. Campbell-Motton added that the agency has verbally been placed on notice, that the lack of implementation is not satisfactory, and have been advised about being placed on hold; Ms. Campbell-Motton will provide an update at a future meeting.**

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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14. Mary's Shelter Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/7/15). (15-5918)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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15. San Gabriel Children's Center Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/7/15). (16-0005)

**Emily Williams, Second District, noted that the agency received highest score in the safety category while having a high needs population and asked if there are best practices that can be shared.**

**Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services, explained that the success of this Group Home (GH) is probably due to well trained staff, consistently providing therapeutic services, providing constant support, investing in staff training, and offering competitive salaries.**

**Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation, noted that GHs which perform and rate very well, have long term staff and provide a family oriented**

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environment.

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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16. Trinity Youth Services Foster Family Agency Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (12/7/15). (16-0061)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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17. Murrell's Farm and Boys Home Group Home Contract Compliance Review (12/7/15). (16-0152)

**Michelle Vega, Fifth District, posed questions regarding the overall performance of this Group Home (GH), she noted multiple issues, made reference to the safety score, and the length of placements.**

**Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services, reported that this home recently experienced transitioning issues with their operations, however, their program has improved. This GH is a small family owned operation and due to the mental health contracts not being solidified, the possibility that this Home may be experiencing a morale issue could exist, as it has with other small community based GHs that may not see a future in remaining in business.**

**Aggie Alonso, Auditor-Controller, reported that this agency has experienced fiscal issues in the past, recently filed an appeal which is pending, and was noted at a past cluster meeting with the possibility of being placed on hold.**

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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18. Mayrvale Group Home Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (12/7/15). (16-0146)

**Michelle Vega, Fifth District, clarified that this Group Home (GH) location is within the First District and expressed concerns about the financial issues involved, such as its fiscal year ending 9/30/2013 operational loss,**

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and questioned the non-subsidized accumulated imputed interest expenses and depreciation expenses.

Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Families (DCFS), reported that she and other representatives of DCFS met with this long term commitment GH to discuss the subsidizing costs of their operation; the GH advised DCFS that their parent corporation will sustain any losses; there is no concern that this Home will go into debt or out of business.

Karen Richardson, DCFS, reported that this GH focuses on younger children which is not a large population at this time, and noted that this home provided 24 beds for emergency placements. Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation, noted that currently the vacancy rate is high; most GHs are constantly looking for placements and contracts with Foster Family Agencies. Ms. Richardson also noted that there are placements from the Welcome Centers and placement can be challenging since it must meet the child's needs.

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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19. Vista Del Mar Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/7/15). (16-0010)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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20. Hillsides - A Department of Children and Family Services Provider - Contract Compliance Review (12/9/15). (15-5892)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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21. Latino Family Institute Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/10/15). (16-0096)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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22. The Dangerfield Institute of Urban Problems Group Home Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (12/10/15). (16-0147)

**Michelle Vega, Fifth District, posed questions regarding the age range of placements and the number of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) children under the age of six.**

**Diana Flaggs, DCFS, explained that there was a typo in the report; currently there are no placements under 12 years of age.**

**Emily Williams, Second District, posed questions regarding the differences in compliance between the Group Home (GH) Review and the Foster Family Agency (FFA) Review.**

**Ms. Flaggs reported that the differences are due to the strength of the program and the management of the FFA; it is possible that there could be some weaknesses in the GH but not in the FFA.**

**Ms. Flaggs, explained that currently there are 20 contractors with both entities, however, the GH and the FFA typically have separate program administrators and staff for management and accounting. Also, with some co-mingling of finances, these entities are required to submit cost allocation reports that indicate revenue and costs, and audit financial reports that identify federal monies, revenue, costs, and expenses which include the GH as well as for the FFA; ultimately, the two entities are separated in reporting all funds and allocations.**

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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23. Mary's Shelter Group Home Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/10/15). (16-0148)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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24. Alliance Human Services Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/11/15). (16-0003)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**



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25. South Bay Bright Future Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/11/15). (16-0004)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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26. South Bay Bright Future Group Home Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/11/15). (16-0059)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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27. Murrell's Farm and Boys Home Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/11/15). (16-0060)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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28. Trinity Youth Services Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/11/15). (16-0062)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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29. Fred Jefferson Memorial Home for Boys Foster Family Agency Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance (12/17/15). (16-0150)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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30. Boys Town of California Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/18/15). (16-0227)

**Emily Williams, Second District, reported that she visited this Group Home (GH) along with Michelle Vega, Fifth District, and other representatives; the visit was all around impressive.**

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**Ms. Williams noted how one child's unhappiness can produce a low rating and go into reported deficiencies in several areas. Also, she made reference to the minimum scores on the Quality Assurance Review (QAR), and expressed concerns regarding placements for younger children.**

**Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reported about the unique team model practiced at this GH; it could be possible that the team combination of agency staff, teachers, and the remote location, may contribute to the reported results. Also due this unique model, DCFS is considering to include the Social Workers and family members in the process. Ms. Richardson will observe the type of reporting on future QAR's, and provide an update via email regarding whether longer placements for younger children would benefit the child.**

**Ms. Williams made reference to Item No. 2 on the last page of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) attached to the QAR, regarding gathering data; Ms. Williams suggested involving the Foster youth, and went on to note that there was an obvious lack of bilingual staff during her visit at this GH given the number of Spanish-speaking and bilingual children placed at this location.**

**On motion of Michelle Vega, Fifth District, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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- 31.** Casa Editha Foundation, Inc., dba Ava Lyn's Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/21/15). (16-0228)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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- 32.** Optimist Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/21/15). (16-0149)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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- 33.** Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Services Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/22/15). (16-0151)

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**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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34. Westside Children's Center Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0345)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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35. Southern California Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0346)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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36. The Village Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review, Fiscal Year 2013-14 (12/28/15). (16-0347)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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37. Lifecircles Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0348)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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38. Careprovider.Org Foundation Group Home Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance (12/28/15). (16-0349)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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39. West Covina Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0350)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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40. Sand Hill Group Home Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (12/28/15). (16-0351)

**Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported that this Group Home (GH) has been placed on hold; a meeting is scheduled for next week with the Board of Directors regarding the Quality Improvement Plan. Additionally, Ms. Flaggs indicated that this GH has been informed that loans to the Executive Director are not allowed.**

**On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was continued for discussion at the next meeting.**

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41. Children's Homes of Southern California Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0352)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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42. Careprovider Group Home Quality Assurance Review (12/29/15). (16-0353)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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43. Kinship Center/Seneca Family of Agencies Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (12/29/15). (16-0354)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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44. Concept 7 Foster Family Agency Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (12/29/15). (16-0355)

**Emily Williams, Second District, made reference to Page 2 of the Contract Compliance Monitoring Review for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and posed questions regarding the issues surrounding decertification and an incident about a child that was locked-out of the Home.**

Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reported on the decertification process, and how a Certified Foster Home (CFH) can be certified on its own and not with the Foster Family Agency (FFA). Ms. Flaggs explained that an indefinite hold prevents a FFA to certify a Foster Home, and also prevents the County from making any placements; a voluntary decertification is a choice made by the Foster Home. Ms. Flaggs will provide an email with the details involved in the locked-out incident.

In response to Ms. Williams, Karen Richardson, DCFS, explained that a FFA is required by contract to contact DCFS regarding certification of any Foster Home, at which time this would alert DCFS about any decertification and/or a hold which would indicate an ongoing investigation; also, an appeal process should be available to the CFH should a FFA decertify them. Ms. Richardson will provide an email indicating whether certification and/or hold were in effect during the investigation.

On motion of Emily Williams, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.

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45.    Ettie Lee Homes Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Review (12/30/15). (16-0356)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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46.    Starview Adolescent Center Community Treatment Facility Quality Assurance Review (12/28/15). (16-0357)

Genie Chough, Third District, posed questions regarding major issues of the safety category score and about staff engaging in inappropriate name calling and physical contact with a placed child, although the staff involved was terminated.

Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services, will review this incident and provide details via email.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.

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47. Hannah's House Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Review (12/30/15). (16-0358)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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48. Maryvale Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0359)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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49. Junior Blind of America Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0360)

**Emily Williams, Second District, made reference to the last paragraph on Page 5 of the Quality Assurance Report (QAR), and posed questions regarding the number of Special Incident Reports (SIR), where they occurred and the name of the school. Ms. Williams also expressed concerns about the number of youth missing from school, as well as the number of runaways; Ms. Williams requested to place this subject on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting regarding how this Group Home plans to decrease this number and resolve the matter.**

**Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services, will provide an email with detailed information regarding these questions and concerns.**

**On motion of Emily Williams, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.**

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50. Vista Del Mar Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0361)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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51. McKinley Children's Center Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0447)

**This item was discussed with Agenda Item No. 10.**

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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52. O'Conner and Atkins Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0472)

**Genie Chough, Third District, posed questions regarding the scores on safety and services met categories.**

**In response to Ms. Chough, Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported that this Group Home (GH) has dissolved. Diana Flagg, DCFS, added that the GH surrendered their facility license due to major safety and management concerns of their own. Additionally, after a State audit, it was discovered that social services were not provided to the placement youth; this GH is closed.**

**On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.**

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53. Hillsides Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0441)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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54. Vista Del Mar Community Treatment Facility Quality Assurance Review (1/5/16). (16-0442)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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55. Fred Jefferson Memorial Homes Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/11/16). (16-0443)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**



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56. Alliance Human Services Foster Family Agency Fiscal Assessment Contract Compliance Review (1/11/16). (16-0444)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed. Genie Chough noted that this agency was an excellent example.**

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57. Niños Latinos Unidos Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/11/16). (16-0445)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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58. Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services Community Treatment Facility Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Review (1/11/16). (16-0473)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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59. Dream Home Care, Inc. Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/11/16). (16-0474)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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60. Westside Children's Center Foster Family Agency Fiscal Assessment and Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (1/12/16). (16-0446)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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61. Bourne, Inc. Group Home Quality Assurance Review (1/14/16) (16-0483)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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62. Bienvenidos Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/14/16). (16-0486)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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63. Children's Bureau of Southern California Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/14/16). (16-0487)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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64. Koinonia Foster Homes Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance and Fiscal Compliance Assessment Review (1/14/16). (16-0488)

**Emily Williams, Second District, made reference to the last paragraph on page 2 of the Contract Compliance Review and expressed extreme concerns regarding this incident and the egregious conditions of the Foster Home.**

**In response to Ms. Williams, Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported that the Certified Foster Parent (CFP) involved has been decertified, is in custody in San Bernardino County, and the prosecution is ongoing. Also, due to the content in the related Community Care Licensing (CCL) citations, a meeting will take place with Out of Home Care Licensing and the Agency to discuss the findings, certification is a focus issue. Ms. Flaggs will provide a status update at the next meeting to respond to additional questions regarding Page 4 of the same report as it relates to the egregious conditions of the Foster Parent's home, the basic necessities provided, and severely expired foods; Ms. Flaggs indicated that the significant findings shall be addressed.**

**On motion of Emily Williams, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.**

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65. Dangerfield Institute of Urban Problems Foster Family Agency Quality Assurance Review (1/15/16) (16-0489)

**On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.**

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#### **IV. DISCUSSIONS**

66. Update by DCFS on FFA and GH response to the Fiscal Training and materials provided (if any), as requested by Emily Williams, Second District. (16-0496)

**Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reported that fiscal training was provided to Contractors on four different dates in January 2016, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) also participated. Ms. Flaggs also reported that the Foster Family Agency's (FFA) will be experiencing some new changes with the Federal Rules; the smaller community oriented homes will no longer have employee morale as an allowable expense. Ms. Flaggs indicated that the CDSS will provide clarification about Title IV E as it relates to a disallowance for basic supportive services, and allowable case management services. Overall the attendance to the training was good, the majority of non-attending FFAs will make up the training, and some were placed on hold for their lack of response; the make-up training session is not scheduled as of yet. Ms. Flaggs thanked the Auditor Controller's Office for their assistance with this training.**

**Michelle Vega, Fifth District, posed questions regarding the average length of stay for placements in the Group Homes, FFAs, and Licensed Homes; Ms. Vega requested a better sense of range for the average length of stay. In response to Ms. Vega, Karen Richardson, DCFS, indicated that the number of placements will be gathered and categorized accordingly.**

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

67. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on the agenda of a future meeting). (16-0493)
- 67A. Genie Chough, Third District, expressed concerns regarding the quantity of reports on the agenda. Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services, explained that it could be possibly due to the timing of the report release and the separate reporting such as the Quality Assessment and Fiscal Reviews. (16-1536)

**67B.** Aggie Alonso of the Auditor-Controller indicated that a comprehensive work schedule and work flows for 2015-2016 of all Fiscal Reviews and Quality Assurance Reports conducted by the Auditor-Controller is forthcoming. No duplications are expected on the fiscal side and will circulate the details via email to better forecast the number of upcoming reports. This subject matter will be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting. (16-1730)

**67C.** At the request of Emily Williams, Second District, an update by DCFS on how Junior Blind of America Group Home plans to decrease school absenteeism and the number of runaways (Relates to Agenda Item No. 49). (16-1731)

**68.** Public Comment. (16-0494)

**No members of the public addressed the Committee.**

**69.** Adjournment. (16-0495)

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.**